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MEETING

THE HOUSING BILL

A THREAT TO ISLINGTON COMMUNITIES

TUESDAY 9th FEBRUARY

7pm at Islington Town Hall
Upper Street, N1 2UD

Speakers: Councillor James Murray (Cabinet Member for Housing), plus local tenants, campaigners and trade unionists. (MPs and London Mayoral candidates invited)

The Housing and Planning Bill, currently before parliament, will

- Force councils to sell-off existing council homes with no guarantee of replacement.
- Scrap secure tenancies and introduce 'Pay to Stay' means testing.
- Push up rents and waiting lists.
- Divert public funds and land to private developers and away from affordable homes for rent.
- Fail to improve security or control rents for private renters.

- Attack the housing rights of travellers.
- Threaten the future of housing co-ops and tenant management organisations.
- Reduce secure housing options for people fleeing domestic violence, people with disabilities

and other vulnerable groups.

- Undermine mixed, stable communities.

Come to the meeting to find out more about how the Housing Bill could affect you and your community and to get involved in the campaign.

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For more details about
the Housing and
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KILL THE HOUSING BILL

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It's been estimated that 26,433 social rented homes are at risk in Islington, at a time when there are 18,000 households on the waiting list. Council and housing association tenants with household income above £40,000 could see their rents triple. The speculative development boom sweeping through the borough is already pricing many local people out. Now developers will be able to make even more profit by building publicly subsidised 'Starter Homes' instead of genuinely affordable homes for rent. The Housing Bill will do nothing to improve the housing crisis. It will make it worse.

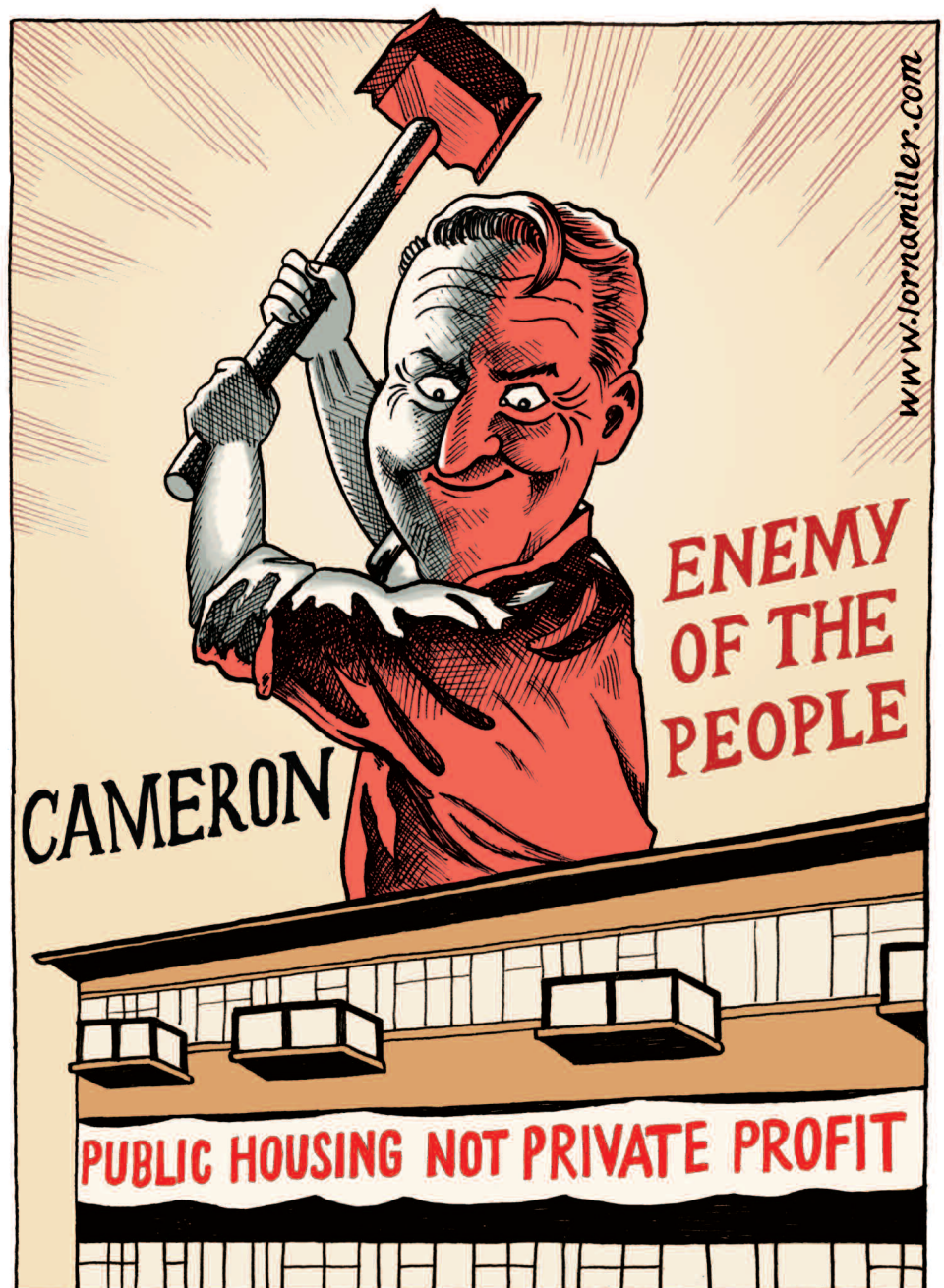
Scrapping secure tenancies will damage our communities and push more people into sub-standard private renting. Now David Cameron says he wants to 'bulldoze' some council estates. This is a land-grab. The Tory government doesn't care about social housing or our communities - they just want to make money out of them.

We demand:

- Direct investment in council and social housing as part of a national house building programme.
- Secure tenancies for all, including private renters.
- Housing for need, not greed.
- Rent controls.

A national campaign involving tenant groups from all tenures, trade unions, housing campaigners, MPs and councillors has been launched to 'Kill the Bill'.

A national demonstration against the Housing Bill will take place on 12th March in central London, details to follow.



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